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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane,
Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET &
Co., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOWEN,
Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENRY
& Co., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL
DRACO & Co., 160 & 164, Leadenhall
Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSY,
19, Rue Monceau, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 138, Nassau
Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW
ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbournes
and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports
generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Fran-
cisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLOR &
Co., Square, Singapore. C. HEINRICH
& Co., Manila.

CHINA.—Maeno, Meiji A. A. de MIZIO
& Co., Shantou, CAMBELL & CO.
Andy Wilson, NICHOLLS & CO.,
Foshan, Heng & Co., Shanghai,
Lane, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY
& WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAW-
FORD & CO.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, 5,000,000 Dollars.
Reserve Fund, 1,200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—F. D. SASSON, Esq.
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Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.
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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Office of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED
DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.

" 6 " 4% " "

" 12 " 5% " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which
can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. OROMBIE,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUS-
TRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Banker.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong
is located in the Central Business District
and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the
East; buys and receives for collection Bills
of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of
Banking and Exchange Business.

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On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per
Annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

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For Sale.

FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna.
Brazil and Barcelona NUTS.
LETTES'S DIARIES for 1879.
Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE
CASES.

CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS.
American PARLOUR and COOKING
STOVES.

COAL SCUTTLES, new designs.
FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.

COCOA MATTING.

TAPESTRY CARPET.

DOOR MATS.

California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS.

WHITNEY BLANKETS.

REP and other TABLE COVERS.

TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH
TOWELS.

LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW
LINEN.

GREEN and MARINE REP.

FLANNEL SHIRTINGS.

FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' Suits.

NAVY BLUE SERGE.

CLOTH TROWER LENGTHS.

Assorted Patterns.

ALBUMS, in great variety.

CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS.

CHUB'S CASH and DEED BOXES.

VERNON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE
MACHINES.

COFFEE ROASTERS, TREMBLING
CALL BELLS.

IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH.

DESSERT, DINNER and BREAK-
FAST SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE, of every De-
scription.

FOLDING CHAIRS.

CIGARS, CIGARETTES.

KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOES.

HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every De-
scription.

CLARET in Casks. MALT, HOPS.

CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN
POTASH.

CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORYDE OF
LIME. &c. &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS!!

CHRISTMAS!!!

ROSE & Co. have received, ex Argyle,
Feronia, and French, and English
MAILS.

A WELL-SELECTED STOCK,

Comprising:—

LADIES' TRIMMED and UNTRIM-
MED FRENCH BONNETS and HATS.

FRENCH FLOWERS & FEATHERS.

FANCY TILES and SCARFS.

PLAIN and FANCY LINEN and LACE
SETS.

NEW RIBBONS and LACES.

SUNSHADES in all the Newest Pat-
terns.

FRENCH MANTLES and SHAWLS.

DRESS MATERIALS in all the Lead-
ing Shades, with VELVETEENS and TRIM-
MINGS to match.

BLACK and COLOURED SILKS, New
Shades.

CHILDREN'S FANCY WOOL WRAPS.

COSTUMES, and EMBROIDERED PE-
LISSES, WOOL GAITERS, HOSIERY,
&c.

BED and TABLE LINEN.

TAPESTRY and CRETONE HANG-
INGS, in all the New Shades and Designs.

TABLE CLOTHS and COVERS, to
match.

EIDER DOWN QUILTS.

A GOOD SELECTION of MECHANICAL
and other TOYS and GAMES, including

ROCKING and VELOCIPEDIC HORSES.

CHILDREN'S FRENCH PERAMBULATORS.

DOLLS' FRENCH PERAMBULATORS.

LAWN TENNIS & CROQUET SETS.

TENNIS MARKERS and BALLS.

THE OLEOPATRA ROULETTE.

MAGIC FISH, &c. &c. BONBON and

CRACKERS, in Great Variety.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS and NEW
YEARS' GIFTS for LADIES and GENTLE-
MEN, in the Latest Novelties and Inven-
tions.

Hongkong, December 11, 1878.

SA M B I N G
S T U L T E ,

has just received for "SHEREHEZ,"

AND HAS FOR SALE—

NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS.

WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds.

TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS.

HATS in every style.

DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, December 11, 1878.

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS STORES

—AND— PRESENTS.

PLUM PUDDINGS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

MINCemeAT.

SMYRNA FIGS.

ELVAS PLUMS.

CRYSTALLISED FRUITS.

DRAgEES.

French and English BONBONS.

CHOCOLATE for DESSERT.

ASSORTED COSAQUEs.

TELEPHONE CRACKERS.

CONFERENCE CRACKERS.

ARAUARIUM CRACKERS.

French and English TOYS.

Mechanical TOYS.

DOLLS, in latest Parisian Costumes.

SWIMMING DOLLS.

DOLLS' PORTMANTEAUX.

DANCING and WALKING DOLLS.

ROCKING HORSES.

MUSICAL BOXES.

TEA and DINNER SETS.

NOAH'S ARKS.

WHEELBARROWS.

GUNS and SWORDS.

SPADES and PAILS.

BARREL ORGANS.

French ALBUMs.

LADIES' DRESSING CASES.

GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES.

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.

FIRST APPEARANCE OF
MISS FLORENCE HOWE.
To-morrow Evening,
(SATURDAY), December 21st, 1878.

TWO OPERAS.

TO-MORROW EVENING,
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, 1878.

Will be produced for the First Time in
Hongkong.

LEGOIR'S COMIC OPERETTA
"THE CRIMSON SCARF,"
AND
CHAR. LECOCQ'S OPERATIC EXTRAVAGANZA
"THE SEA NYMPHS;
A ROMANCE OF
A TIDAL TRAIN."

NEW SCENERY—NEW DRESSES.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:
GORALIE—PEARLINE,
(Two Sea Nymphs sent in a rash moment,
by their friends to a Flory-shing
School at Peckham).

MISS CLARA STANLEY,
MISS FLORENCE HOWE.

SIMTH—JONES,
(Engineers in the service of the Ocean
Cable Maintenance Co., Limited),
MR. H. VERNON, and Mr. J. ROLLMAN.

TWINKLE FIN,.....MISS B. DRAEGER.

KRAKEN—TORPEDO,
(Submarine monster in love with Coralie
and Pearline).

MR. M. HAGEMAN, and MR. H. PHILLIPS.

NEPTUNE,
(Ruler of the Waves when Britannia is
otherwise occupied).

MR. G. ANDREWS.

Scene—Davy Jones's Locker.

Accompanist—MISS A. DRAEGER.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at
MASON LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.'S, where a
Plan of the Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:
Dress Circle or Orchestra
Stalls.....TWO DOLLARS,
Pit.....ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen
cannot be admitted.
Hongkong, December 20, 1878. de22

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

M. R. H. VERNON
begs to announce that he will
shortly take his

FAREWELL BENEFIT,
On which occasion he will be assisted by the
AMATEUR DRAMATIC CORPS,
Who have kindly given their valuable
services.

COMEDY AND OPERA
FOR
MR. H. VERNON'S
FAREWELL BENEFIT.

Particulars shortly.
Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARTIQUES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.
This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
L. RENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Ex "Pei Ho,"
N.M.K. (in diamond) 54/5 Imp. Aldridge
V.S.C. Salmon & Co., from London, 2 cases
Millinery.

K.J. (in diamond) 10, Order, 1 case Haber-
LS.C. dashey, from London.

J.B.S. 12, Order, 1 case Flannel, from
London.

S.C. 256, Order, 1 case Merino, from

Hongkong, December 5, 1878.

Intimations.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF
JOAO JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS,
Deceased.

IT is hereby notified that Probate of the
last Will and Testament of JOAO
JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS, Deceased,
was Granted to the Undersigned on the
5th day of November, 1878.

(Signed) J. H. DOS REMEDIOS,
D. A. DOS REMEDIOS,
M. G. DO ROZARIO,
A. A. DOS REMEDIOS,
Hongkong, December 14, 1878. ja14

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has Returned and is
Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS
At No. 7, ABUTHOOT ROAD.
Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

NOTICE.
FROM the 1st of October,
Dr EASTLAKE will receive his
PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,
No. 60, Queen's Road Central, over the
MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 22, 1878.

Intimations.

VICTORIA REGATTA,
TWENTY-THIRD MEETING.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY,
28TH AND 29TH DECEMBER, 1878.

FIRST DAY.
MONDAY, 28TH DECEMBER, 1878.

FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.—Junior Sculls. For
Single Pair Sculling Boats. Entrance
\$5. Distance One Mile. Prize, "Bro-
kers' Cup." Open to any one who has
never won a Sculling-Race in China
and Japan.

SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.—For Gigs pulled
by European Non-Commissioned
Officers and Men of any Regiment or
Corps in Garrison, or by European
Members of the Police Force. Distance
One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize,
\$15; Second, \$5. Outrigger Boats
excluded.

THIRD RACE.—2 P.M.—The "Chairman's
Cup," for Four-Oared Canton Cutters.
Distance One-mile-and-a-half. En-
trance \$10.

FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.—For Men-of-
War Gigs and Whalers. Distance One
Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15;
Second, \$5. No time allowed for
Oars.

FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.—"Ladies' Purse,"
For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Round
Stake Boat and back to Flag Ship.
Entrance \$5.

SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.—For House Boats
and Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance
One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize,
\$15; Second, \$5. Time for Oars, 6
seconds per Oar.

SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M.—International
Race, "Challenge Cup"—presented by
the Merchants of Hongkong—for
Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be
won two consecutive years before being
held. Distance One Mile. Entrance
\$10.

EIGHTH RACE.—For Men-of-War's Boats,
any rig. Entrance \$2. First Prize,
\$20; Second, \$10.

SAILING RACE.—For Sailing Ships' Boats
only. Entrance \$2. First Prize, \$20;
Second, \$10.

YACHT RACE.—For all Yachts. Entrance
\$5. Time allowed for Tonnage, 15
seconds per ton. Cup presented by the
Victoria Recreation Club.

SECOND DAY,
TUESDAY, 29TH DECEMBER, 1878.

FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.—For Gigs pulled by
European Non-Commissioned Officers
and Men of any Regiment or Corps in
Garrison, or by European Members of the
Police Force. Distance One Mile. En-
trance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second,
\$15. Winner of Second Race on first
day and Outrigger Boats excluded.

SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.—For House
Boats and Gigs pulled by Chinamen.
Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First
Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of
Sixth Race on first day excluded. Time
for Oars, 8 seconds per Oar.

THIRD RACE.—2 P.M.—"Members' Cup"—
presented by Members of the Victoria
Recreation Club—for Four-Oared Canton
Cutters. Distance One-mile-and-a-
half. Entrance \$10. Winner of "The
Chairman's Cup" excluded.

FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.—For Men-of-
War Cutters. Distance One Mile.
Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; second,
\$5. No time allowed for Oars.

FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.—Senior Sculls, Cup
presented by the Parson's Community.
Distance One Mile. Entrance \$6.
Winner of the "Ladies' Purse" ex-
cluded.

SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.—For Officers of
H.M.S. Iron Duke against Fleet in
harbour. Cup presented by the
Members of the Hongkong Club, to be
rowed in Canton Fours. Distance One
Mile. Entrance \$10.

SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M.—"American Cup,"
open to all Members and Honorary
Members of the Victoria Recreation
Club, to be rowed in Canton Fours.
Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.

YACHT RACE.—For Yachts over 20 tons
Entrance \$5. Time allowed for Ton-
nage, 15 seconds per ton. Cup pre-
sented by the Victoria Recreation
Club.

YACHT RACE.—For Yachts not exceeding
12 Tons. Entrance \$8. Time allowed
for Tonnage, 15 seconds per ton.
Prize presented by the Hongkong
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YACHT RACE

visited the Colony a year or two ago. We trust there will be a full house.

LITTLE hope seems now to remain of the safety of the steamer *Madagascar* (Captain Tinn), which vessel is thirty days (or nearly three weeks overdue) from Bangkok. She is said to have been in good trim on leaving port, and was not by any means deeply laden, so that she could easily have sailed in case of accident to her machinery. There were 80 Chinese passengers on board of her, besides the officers and crew of the ship.

S. Paul's College School was examined yesterday, the 19th inst., by Dr. Eitel, the Acting Inspector of Schools, when 84 boys were presented for examination in Standards I to V. Out of the 84 presented only one failed (in Standard IV). The Examiner expressed himself thoroughly satisfied, and congratulated Mr May and his assistants on the results. The arithmetic throughout the school was good, and the grammar (which was taken up by three classes) was very good, there being no failures. The Examiner made special remark on the creditable way in which the 3rd class (Standard III) had passed, there being not a single failure in any one subject. It is understood that the school was closed yesterday as an educational establishment; and we believe Mr May, the teacher of the school, will join the staff of the Government Central School next month.

We understand that Mr S. Barff, assistant Post-master General, has been appointed Acting Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court. This appointment has been made, we believe, pending the report by the Committee or Commission which has not yet commenced to sit upon the Supreme Court and its internal economy. As Mr Barff will continue to carry on his duties in the Post-Office, and we are ignorant of that officer's qualifications for the semi-legal duties which he has been called upon to perform, it is impossible as yet to estimate the gain or otherwise to the Court-house staff which will result from the new appointment. A gentleman with special legal knowledge, or an accountant with a clear head for accounts, would seem to an outsider to be what was most especially needed; but time will show, and the Committee's Report may throw some light on the subject if that body should ever assume a sitting posture. Probably also Sir John Smale may have a word or two to say on the subject.

At the annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Freemasons, held yesterday afternoon in the Masonic Hall, the officers for the year were duly installed. We append a list of officers for the District—
D. Grand Master, R. W. Br. T. G. Linstead
D. Dep. G. M., W. Br. W. S. Adams
D. G. S. Warden, W. Br. H. A. Sidford,
(Amoy)

J. Wardens, W. Br. A. G. Morris
Chaplain, Br. Rev. R. H. Kidd
Treasurer, W. Br. J. T. Chater
Registrar, W. Br. J. S. Cox
Pres. of the D. G. Board of Gen.
Purposes, W. Br. C. P. Chater
Do. G. Secretary, Br. A. F. dos Remedios
S. Deacon, W. Br. W. M. Deane
J. Deacon, W. Br. T. D. Boyd,
(Amoy)

Su. of Works, Br. W. Danby
Dir. of Cere., W. Br. E. C. Hay
Ast. do., W. Br. A. Leigh (Amoy)
Sworn Bearer, W. Br. C. W. Duggan
Organist, W. Br. F. Panizza
Purser, W. Br. D. J. Kitel
Ast. do., W. Br. R. Young, M. D.
Steward, W. Br. H. L. Dennys
" " " Br. M. S. Tonnochy
" " " Br. G. May
" " " Br. R. D. Starkey
" " " Br. C. Jensen

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Members: R. W. D. G. Master, Deputy
D. G. Master, D. G. Warden, D. G.
Registrar, D. G. President, and D. G.
Secretary. Unofficial Members: W.
Br. W. M. B. Arthur, and W. Br. W.
M. Deane.

It may be of interest also to add that Dr. E. J. Eitel has been elected Worshipful Master of Zetland Lodge; while Mr E. O. Ray has been chosen to fill the like position in the Victoria Lodge; and Mr C. W. Duggan has been elected Worshipful Master of the United Service Lodge. The following is a list of the officers belonging to the Perseverance Lodge, of which Mr W. M. Deane has been elected Worshipful Master,—the officers of the lodges above named not having yet been installed—

W. M., W. M. Deane.
S. W., A. Cheyne.
J. W., J. A. Monely.
Treas., F. Grobien.
Sec., A. Stoth.
S. D., W. W. Wheeler.
J. D., W. E. R. Mossop.
Organist, W. Danby.
L. G., H. Z. Just.
D. C., Rich. Schubberger.
Steward, S. J. Elder.
Tyler, C. Jensen.

The following telegrams are from the *Stratford Times* of 9th and 10th Dec.—

London, Dec. 6.—Viscount Halifax in the House of Peers and Mr Samuel Whitbread, Member for Bedford, in the Commons, gave notice of a resolution condemning the Policy of the Government when it comes on for full discussion.

Bombay, Dec. 8.—A conciliatory reply to the ultimatum has been received, which the

Ameer professes was written before the war commenced, but it is believed it was written after the defeat at Al-Mujid.

The Overland China Mail, for to-morrow's English Mail (12pp.), contains—

Editorial Articles.—The New Praya, Attendances at Grant-in-aid Schools, An Unsatisfactory Case, A Melancholy Budget from Home, The Chinese in Honolulu, Trade with China, The New Ports, Notes on Home News, "China" at the Bar, Current Topics.

General Articles.—Chinese Notes, The Amateur Concert, The "Cabby" and Waterman in Hongkong, The Proposed Widening of the Praya Road, What People Say, Disastrous Fire at Pagoda Anchorage, Following Instructions, Jottings on China, A Consignee's Commission Case, Victoria School, Execution of Newman, On the City Hall, Canton, Latest Reuter's Telegrams, Miscellaneous, Supreme Court, Correspondence, Police Intelligence, Inquest, The Straits, Manila, Commercial Summary, Shipping Intelligence.

Police Intelligence.

December 20, 1878.

ATTEMPT TO DEFRAUD THE OPIUM FARMER.

Fang Akwal, passenger's cook on board the British steamer *Danube*, was charged on a summons for having two cases of prepared opium on board the steamer without a license from the opium farmer, contrary to Sections 8 and 9 of Ordinance 2 of 1868.

Mr Brewster appeared to watch the case on behalf of the opium farmer.

The opium was found in the defendant's room, and ten tins were found in one of the boy's rooms. The Opium Farmer said he suffered great loss through the infraction of the ordinance.

The case was remanded until Monday, the 28th instant, defendant being admitted to bail in two sureties of \$75 each.

DRUNKENNESS.

Charles Conroy, seaman, Sailor's Home, drunk and disorderly. Fined 5 shillings.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS,
(Before His Lordship Acting Chief Justice
Speaker),

December 20, 1878.

The Sessions were resumed to-day, the Hon. the Attorney General, instructed by Mr Toller, Acting for the Crown Solicitor, prosecuting. The following gentlemen comprised the jury:—Messrs. J. A. Bartoletti, L. Mendel, O. Vogel, E. Georg, A. C. F. Hahn, L. R. Hennequin, S. R. Rosario.

REGINA v. LEUNG AGROW.

The prisoner was indicted for committing a burglary at a dwelling house in Fat Hing Street, and stealing therefrom sundry articles of wearing apparel valued at about \$2.40. The jury found the prisoner guilty, and sentence was reserved.

Lau Ping Chyun, the Lukong who was found guilty yesterday of cutting and wounding two persons, was then brought up for sentence. His Lordship, after giving the prisoner a severe lecturing, and that had not been for the good character given him by Captain Deane, the Superintendent of Police, he would have been dealt with very severely; as it was, he was sent to 20s' hard labour.

The Sessions were then adjourned until to-morrow at 10 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1878.

SIR.—Permit me to bring to your notice that Professor Marco-Vitz's performance on Saturday the 4th instant, at the Garrison Theatre, was omitted to be mentioned in either the *Daily Press* or *China Mail*; although a representative of the latter paper was present during the entire performance. His tricks were considered very good, so much so that a repetition was demanded. His explanation of the Cabinet Seats was simple, exposing some would-be professors of the dark tricks to ridicule, and his par-excellence was his dance over a space of about 5 feet in circumference, in which were placed 8 watches in 3 rows; his eyes being blindfolded during his saltatorial action. Undoubtedly his feet in dancing with a bottle on his head or in dancing blindfolded on a small space strewed with watches is unrivaled and deserves better treatment from his brother professionals, who have other means of living. Yours, &c., J. J. T. JUST.

JUSTICE.

In explanation of the omission to notice Mr Marco-Vitz's entertainment, we may say that it was partly owing to a press of work and partly because the performance had been previously noticed.—ED. O. M.]

LOS ANGELES CHINAMEN AFTER THE DEVIL WITH A LONG STICK.

(*Los Angeles Gazette*.)

Chinatown was thronged last night with curious people, attracted thither by the Chinaman's religious toad-eating demonstration, toward Ah Toa. The Chinese, with a discrimination which does honor to the "moon-eyed lepers," assume that they need expect no harm from the benevolent author of the universe. But they recognize the existence of a "cuss" whom we call the devil and they designate by the more poetical and epithetious term of Ah Toa—really the only instance we know of in which that eponymous language appears for the nonce to be musical—and as this creature, in their eyes, is a sort of embodied deinstiveness equal to an indefinite amount of dynamite, gunpowder and Greek fire, they do well to propitiate him. They take the goodness of the beneficent creator for granted and let him alone, as he does them, probably. They have erected a special building in China-town, provided with verandas and other structures, and lighted by gas jets. They are undeniably "tomy" in all the appointments and ceremonials of this pulsiluminous appeal to the devil. They have imported a special Chinese band from San Francisco to do honor to the occasion, and the resultant concord of sweet sounds has already rid Chinatown of its last rodent and sent the gophers which erstwhile infested the vineyards leading to the river in search

of fresh grape roots and tender shoots new. The fanfare will be kept up to-night, and a distinguished Chinese ecclesiastic has been importuned at great expense to deliver a bang-up sermon in the most approved Chinese dialect. At what hour the Celestial circus will open we are not advised, but about the time the gas jets are turned on to a full head will be a good season to put in an appearance in Chinatown. Proprietors of the devil would do well to be on hand.

KING HUMBERT'S ILL HEALTH.

(*London World*.)

People about the Quirinal are looking very grave, I learn, and shake their heads ominously concerning the health of the Italian King. A Roman friends writes me: "He looks exceedingly pale, and, to my eye, attenuated. His chest is affected, and, in order to keep up, he lives according to a very strict dietary." The visits of the doctors are too frequent to be reassuring. But Humbert will work. He devoted a portion of his time daily to the investigation of the financial affairs of his father, who has left a troublesome crop of unpleasant monetary claims behind him. A special secretary attends to this business. Knowing very well that Humbert is averse to any public scandal, the Roman tradesmen are exorbitant in their claims for luxuries applied to the ladies of the late King's establishment. The ladies refuse to pay, on the plea that the debts belong to the dead King; and in some instances the bills have only been settled when initiatory proceedings have been commenced in the civil Courts.

Considering that the affairs of no less than eighteen domestic establishments have to be settled, Umberto's morning occupation cannot be pleasant.

REVERSING SCREWS AND STEERING.

(*United Service Gazette*)

The importance of the matter upon which Mr Osborne Reynolds, Secretary to the Committee of the British Association on the Steering of Screw Steamers, writes, in a letter to a London paper, induces us to make the following extracts from it. After stating that since his letter on the loss of the *Großer Kurfürst* the writer had received numerous communications from naval officers and others, Mr Reynolds proceeds to say:—

The point at present in question is a very simple one just related solely to the case of a ship under way—moving fast through the water—when some obstacle suddenly presents itself, so near that it can only be avoided by the putting forth of the utmost powers of manœuvre which the ship possesses. Some idea of the proximity of such an obstacle may at once be formed by the following facts which are derived from our experiments: A screw steamer of ordinary proportions requires from three to five lengths in which to stop herself. When steaming ahead with her rudder hard over, she can turn in a circle the radius of which is about four times her length. Under the circumstances described there appear to be three courses open to those in charge of the ship:—(1) to reverse the screw and try to stop the ship; (2) to try to stop and turn out of the way; (3) to try to stop and turn. At first sight it would seem that the third course must be the safest. It will at once be seen, however, that the apparent advisability of the course thus prescribed proceeds from the assumption that the steering and stopping of the ship are independent. The stopping of a large ship is a work of time.

Now, the main point which our committee has had in view has been to ascertain how far the reversing the screw in order to stop the ship does or does not interfere with the action of the rudder during the interval of stopping. And it is as regards this effect that the most important light is thrown on the question of handling screw steamships.

It is found to be an invariable rule that during the interval in which a ship is reversing herself by her reversed screw the rudder produces none of the usual effect to turn the ship, but that such effect as it does produce is to turn the ship in the reverse direction to that in which it would turn if the screw were driving ahead. The magnitude of this reverse effect is always comparatively feeble, and is very difficult for different ships and different conditions of loading, so that, as one of my correspondents forcibly expresses it, "the rudder had better be on shore for all the good it does, when the screw is reversed, to stop the ship."

And besides this, during the interval of stopping, the ship is at the mercy of any influences other than that of her rudder, which no longer controls her. These several influences—the reversed action of the rudder, the effect of the wind, and the action of the screw—determine the course of the ship during the interval of stopping. Sometimes they balance each other, then the ship proceeds straight on; but any one of the three may predominate and determine the course of the ship.

Homewards, several settlements are reported. The actual rates have not transpired, but it is understood that no advance is shown on the quotations in last Circular. The charter effected for Manila has not led to any further business, though some demand is looked for from the Philippines shortly, as few vessels are now disengaged there.

Cochin, demand has been principally for the Cochin China Salt Ports, for which business very low rates have been accepted.

For the Rice Ports nothing is doing yet, and steamers are in such slight demand, that one or two have gone to Singapore in ballast.

German barque *Variuna*, 456 tons, left for Rangoon via Singapore under orders from home.

British barque *Orag Ahd*, 811 tons, proceeds to Burmah, Rice Ports under orders from home.

British ship *Letzadis*, 896 tons, left for Ayak under orders from home.

British ship *Melbourn*, 870 tons, left for Manila under orders from home.

British barque *Hilda*, 890 tons, proceeds to Nagasaki to load for Hakodate.

British barque *Presto*, 386 tons, left for Chefoo "seeking."

British barque *Cathay*, 344 tons, cleared for Chefoo "seeking."

British barque *Wodan*, 439 tons, cleared for Guam "seeking."

German barque *Catherina*, 344 tons, cleared for Guam "seeking."

British barque *Orion*, 387 tons, cleared for Bangkok "seeking."

French barque *Marie Louise*, 423 tons, left for Quinhoo "seeking."

The disengaged tonnage in port amounts to 61 vessels, registering 27,400 tons, steamers not included.

The following are the settlements:—

British barque *Mercury*, 321, to London, private.

Swedish barque *Alma*, 322, (previous charter to Hamburg canceled), to London, private.

The following are the settlements:—

British barque *Condor*, 388, to Hamburg, private.

German barque *Yester*, 322, to Channel,

approaching an obstacle which is as broad as the coast, a ship would be as well able to avoid it by turning as by stopping; and if the object be of limited extent, like a ship, he may avoid it by turning if he does not reverse, in a distance of two or three lengths, even if the ship be broadside on, whereas, when approaching obliquely, a distance of much less than this will suffice.

It is perfectly certain, therefore, that when in open water two ships, one or both moving fast, are in such a position that there is danger of a collision at a distance from either ship less than that in which she can stop, her chance of avoiding a collision is by steering, and not by stopping, and this is particularly the case when the distance is short, for then, although the interval may be sufficient to enable the ship to somewhat diminish her way by reversing the screw, this will make but little difference to the distance run.

It has been often argued that ships have no business to be so near danger. When it can be avoided this is obviously true, but it must be remembered that the distance which may be called dangerous increases in proportion to the length of the ship. A large ship, say 4,000 tons, 400 feet long, requires something like a third of a mile to stop in two such ships approaching; if they reverse their screws, are in danger when they are within two thirds of a mile of each other, and under certain circumstances of the weather it is not possible for them to perceive each other until well within such distances.

With reference to the steering power of ships, Mr Reynolds remarks:—

There is one custom which prevails which renders all attempts to turn the ship unavailing, and that is the use of very great multiplying gear in the steering-wheels. By means of this the helms of the largest ships are brought under the control of one or two men, but just as power over the helm is increased, the speed at which it can be moved is diminished. In many of our large Transatlantic steamers the power available for turning the helm, although ample sufficient if time be allowed, is not sufficient when the vessel is going at full speed to bring the helm hard a-port or hard a-starboard in less than two or three minutes. Such arrangements as these are, of course, fatal to all attempts to avoid imminent danger by steering. It is essential that in large ships the moving of the helm should take longer than in small ones, but there is no reason why the helm of the largest ship afloat should not be put hard over in twenty or thirty seconds if sufficient power be provided.

COMMERCIAL.

Dec. 20.

A quiet tone has prevailed in the market for Bengal Opium since the dispatch of last mail. Upon the receipt of supplies by the direct steamers the rates for both kinds of New Drug weakened, and a decline has been submitted to by the importers. Subsequently, there has been, but very little variation, and a pretty fair business has been done. The proximity of the Chinese New Year, and the large stock that has to be carried over to next year, coupled with the advice of a full supply being on the way, foreshadow no promising state of things. The

Mails.



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Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de21

NOTICE.

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MARITIMES.

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STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
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MARSEILLES;

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the principal places of Europe.

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Cargo will be received on board until
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on the 27th December, 1878. (Parcels are
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at the Agency's Office.)

Content and value of Packages are re-
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L. HENNEQUIN,

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, December 14, 1878. de28

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For further information as to Freight
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G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de3

Notices of FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to Cross
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that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or
by him, he will Collect and Pay.
The Interest and Good will of his Business
has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS
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E. VINCENT.

Hongkong, November 20, 1878.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs
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Firm at Swatow, and have authorized
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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 20, 1878.

NOTICE.

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